

Mighty Mites/Puny People Answers

Aphid. If I were a person, I could have 91,000 babies between age 15 and 50! I don't even want to think about it!

African Tiger Beetle. That means I could keep up with the fastest human sprinter, and I'm less than 2 inches long!

Ant. If I were a person weighing 100 pounds, I could carry 3000 pounds! That would be like letting two big horses ride on YOUR back at once!

Caterpillar. People have only 792 different muscles—poor puny people!

Cockroach. Modern humans have only lived on earth for about 100,000 years. Why, you're just babies!

Cricket. Think about it! If your mother was a dragonfly, she really COULD see as though she had "eyes in the back of her head!"

Flea. If I were a person four feet tall, I could jump almost 800 feet, which is like jumping over a 50-story building!

Garden Spider. You, of course, can't produce silk from your body. If I were a person, I could protect my home, or trap my enemies or whatever I wanted for lunch, with huge, beautiful, strong webs.

Goliath Beetle. I may be heavy for a bug. But comparing weight to height, if I were a person 5 feet tall, I'd weigh only 3 pounds! My 4 ounces of body parts are really mighty to keep all 5 inches of me going!

Grasshopper. If I were a person, I could cover 1½ football fields with a single jump!

Horsefly. Humans can't fly at all! But I fly as fast as the winds of a hurricane or a stinging fast ball!

Leaf Beetle. If I were a 150-pound person, I could pull a load that weighed 6000 pounds, or 3 tons—that's the weight of a young blue whale!

Locust. If I were a person, that distance would be like traveling 4 times around the world!

Mosquito. If I were a 100-pound person, I could drink about 12 gallons of water or juice for lunch!

Stick Insect. If I were a person, would I want to be invisible? What color would you be if you could blend in with things around you?

Water Strider. I'd never have to use a bridge, or a life jacket, or even a boat! Where would you go if you could walk across water to get there?